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SIR:

In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (a) and § 1.97(b)(3), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the references are submitted herewith.

Pursuant to § 1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4254 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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